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NSC BRIEFING

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- I. Atjeh revolt in north Sumatra highlights deterioration in Indonesia
  - A. Government increasingly amenable to Communist influence.
- II. Government claims rebellion ended
  - A. But other sources say Atjehnese now control all north Sumatra.
  - B. Defense minister admits there are 10,000 rebels.
  - C. Before revolt there were 2,500 Indonesian troops in Atjeh.
  - D. Government can probably prevent creation of an Atjeh state.
  - E. But guerrilla warfare is in prospect for an indefinite period.
- III. Atjehnese are Moslems and reports say they are getting aid from the Moslems insurgents in Java, The Darul Islam.

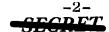
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- A. Darul Islam recently stepped up its activity.
- B. Believed Darul Islam has linked with rebels in Borneo and the Celebes.
- C. One report says the government fears

  Darul Islam will try to seize

  Djakarta.
- D. Djakarta garrison has been weakened by dispatch of several companies to Atjeh.
- IV. These developments in part result from the government's recent policies
  - A. It has vowed to destroy Darul Islam.
  - B. It has tried to arm pro-Communists to fight Darul Islam.
  - C. Anti-Communists in the various ministries are being replaced by leftists.
  - D. Anti-government press and radio material being restricted or banned.
  - E. The chairman of the chief opposition



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party, the Masjumi has been intimidated for an anti-Communist speech.

- E. To discredit the Masjumi it has been indirectly accused of supporting the Atjehnese.
- V. On top level policy, however, the government has not taken steps which Masjumi could use to develop strong parliamentary
- opposition.

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  VI. The government's trend to left is likely

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  to strengthen Masjumi proponents of force
  the war

  ful action.
  - A. They feel their only choice is violence or gradual loss of influence.
  - B. Full-scale civil war unlikely at this time.
  - C. But its prospect will increase as

    Masjumi sees itself more and more

    weakened by government's policies.

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